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PUBLIC NOTICE

The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control
Bureau of Water - Water Quantity Permitting Section
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Refer to: Public Notice # 41WS004-01 – December 25, 2015

Pursuant to the South Carolina Surface Water Withdrawal, Permitting, Use and Reporting Act [49-4-10] and Regulation 61-119, Surface Water Withdrawal, Permitting, Use and Reporting, an application was received by the Department from:

Town of Batesburg-Leesville, 120 Church Street, Batesburg-Leesville, SC 29006

requesting a surface water withdrawal from Lake Murray. Information about the proposed withdrawal is presented in the permit application. The application specifies a proposed withdrawal from Lake Murray at Latitude/Longitude–34.0811946,-81.5168446 (Lookout Point Rd.). The requested maximum amount of the proposed withdrawal is 167.3 million gallons per month (MGM). The water will be used to supply potable water within the Town of Batesburg-Leesville service area and under established water contracts to other entities.

Of the requested total amount (167.3 MGM), the application requests an Interbasin Transfer (IBT) of up to 91.25 MGM. The requested IBT proposes to transfer water out of the Saluda River Basin and move it into the Edisto River Basin. Of the maximum 91.25 MGM removed from the Saluda River Basin, 12.15 MGM will be returned to the Saluda Basin and 79.1 MGM will remain in the Edisto Basin.

In order to give all interested parties an opportunity to express their views -**NOTICE**- is hereby given that written statements regarding the proposed withdrawal will be received by the Department at the address listed above until **5:00 PM February 12, 2016** from any parties interested in the proposed withdrawal and those whose interests may be affected by the proposed withdrawal.

The Department will hold a public hearing regarding the application on January 27, 2016 at Lexington High School (2463 Augusta Hwy, Lexington, SC 29072) starting at 6:00 PM. A person wishing to make comments on this application may do so at the public hearing, or they may submit written comments to the Department. Any comments submitted, other than those at the public hearing, shall be made in writing to the office listed above, shall be received by the date listed above, and shall include the name and legal address of the person making the comment.

If there are any questions concerning this public notice or if you would like a copy of the application, please contact Michael Bishop at 803-898-3553 or bishopma@dhec.sc.gov. Interested parties wishing to be notified of the final permit decision must make comment on the application and/or make a request to receive notice of the final decision and must provide the SCDHEC with a correct name and mailing address.